August 19*th*.

MR. CASSIN in the Chair.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper entitled, "Descriptions of New Species of African Birds in the Museum of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, collected by Mr. P. B. Duchaillu in Equatorial Africa. By John Cassin." Referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Wilson, Morris and Rand.

Mr. Cassin also announced the reception of a collection of Mammals, Birds and Shells from Mr. P. B. Duchaillu, who had begun his labors in Western Africa.

August 26*th*.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committees on Mr. Lea's paper, read July 8th; on Major Le Conte's paper, read July 15th; on Dr. Hallowell's papers, read August 5th; and on Mr. Cassin's paper, read August 19th, severally reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

Description of Fifteen new species of Exotic Melaniana.

By ISAAC LEA.

MELANIA VERREAUIANA. Testâ lævi, pyramidatâ, crassâ, tenebroso-castaneâ, spirâ valdè elevatâ; suturis linearibus; anfractibus planulatis; aperturâ subgrandi, ovatâ, intus paulisper brunneâ; columellâ albâ incurvaque.

Hab. Sandwich Islands. M. E. Verreau, Paris.

MELANIA FRATERNA. Testâ plicatâ, pyramidatâ, subcrassâ, tenebroso-brunneâ; spirâ elevatâ; suturis irregulariter impressis; anfractibus subplanulatis, transversim lineis impressis, regulariter cinctis, costellis verticallibus; aperturâ parvâ, subovatâ, intus albidâ; labro acuto; columellâ contortâ, supernè incrassatâ, infernè subemarginatâ.

Hab. ———.

MELANIA HAINESIANA. Testâ lævi, pyramidatâ, subtenui, corneâ; spirâ subelevatâ; suturis liuearibus, impressis; anfractibus plauulatis, in medio angulatis; aperturâ subgrandi, subrhomboideâ, ad basim angulatâ, intus cœruleo-albidâ; labro acuto, angulato; columellâ albidâ tortaque.

Hab. India. W. A. Haines, New York.

MELANIA HOUSEI. Testâ lævi, acuto-conoideâ, tenui, corneâ, flammis longitudinalibus ferrugineis ornatâ; spirâ subelevatâ; acuminatâ, suturis impressis, caualiculatisque; anfractibus plauulatis, instar duodecim; aperturâ parvâ, ovatâ, intus albidâ; columellâ albâ tortaque.

Operculo tenebroso-fusco.

Hab. Korat, Takrong River, Siam. S. R. House, M. D.

MELANIA NINGPOENSIS. Testâ perplicatâ, striis transversis crebris decussatâ, conoideâ, tenui, pallidâ corneâ, subdiaphanâ; spirâ subelevatâ; suturis valdè impressis; anfractibus instar novem, subconvexis, inferuè trausversim costatis; aperturâ parvâ, subrotundatâ, intus albâ; columellâ albâ.

Operculo tenui, pallido-corneo.

Hab. Ningpo, China. S. R. House, M. D.